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BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
Division of Rehabilitation
Year Ending June 30, 1926

December 1, 1926.

To His Excellency, Len Small,
Governor, State of Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of the State law for Industrial Rehabilitation, we herewith submit our annual report.

The year just ended has been the best the Division has experienced in the work of rehabilitation since its inception in 1920. During the year of 1925-26, the work reached the highest degree of efficiency yet attained and we feel, has fulfilled the prediction of our last two reports.

The live roll at the beginning of the year was.	951
During the year we accepted new cases for rehabilitation. . .	533

Total live roll in process of rehabilitation during year.	1,484
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Of the 1,484 cases handled during the year, 472 were rehabilitated and placed in remunerative employment. 283 were closed for other reasons.

Total closures for the year aggregating.	755
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There remained after all closures were taken, a live roll of eligible and susceptible cases in process of rehabilitation of.	729
of the following status:	

Determined eligible.	9
In process of rehabilitation.	355
In school training.	354
In employment training.	1
Being followed up after placement.	10

Total live roll.	729
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A study of the rehabilitated cases for the year 1925-26 reveals the following facts and figures:

Rehabilitated in the Chicago District.....	241
Springfield District.....	231
Total rehabilitated.....	472

Rehabilitated through:

School training.....	208
Employment training.....	39
Job restoration.....	225
	472

Classification of rehabilitants:

Sex		
Males.....	432	
Females.....	40	
Age		472
Under 21.....	110	
21-30.....	139	
31-40.....	91	
41-50.....	68	
51 and over.....	64	
Age unknown.....	0	
		472

Nature of Disability:

Hand.....	31
Hands.....	2
Arm.....	53
Arms.....	1
Leg.....	282
Legs.....	44
Hand and arm.....	1
Hand and leg.....	4
Arm and leg.....	7
Multiple.....	0
Vision.....	7
Hearing.....	6
General Disability.....	0
Miscellaneous.....	34

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Educational status before rehabilitation:	
Grades 10-12.....	61
7-9.....	250 5
1-6.....	125
Other.....	31
None.....	5
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Funds available for year 1925-26:	
Federal allotment.....	\$61,604.37
State appropriation.....	82,420.00
	<hr/> \$144,024.37
Amounts expended:	
Federal funds.....	\$61,604.35
State appropriation.....	81,574.54
	<hr/> \$143,178.89
Balance.....	\$845.48

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Classification of Expenditures

1. Administrative.....	Total	\$ 48,978.25
Salaries of Supervisors, Directors and Agents		30,423.30
Salaries of other employees (clerks, stenographers, etc.).....		6,206.50
Travel.....		9,300.56
Communication.....		703.02
Printing.....		560.62
Supplies.....		173.35
Other administrative expenses.....		1,610.90
2. For Tuition.....	Total	\$ 42,671.48
Educational institutions (other than correspondence).....		40,218.45
Industrial and commercial establishments..		469.00
Tutors.....		1,122.75
Correspondence Schools.....		861.28

3.	For Instructional Supplies.....	Total	\$ 6,590.09
4.	Other Expenditures (covered by the Federal Civilian Rehabilitation Act).. <td>Total</td> <td>\$ 44,761.23</td>	Total	\$ 44,761.23
	Prostheses.....		42,506.14
	Travel of Trainees.....		2,018.51
	Medical Examination.....		110.00
	Miscellaneous.....		126.58
5.	Total of 1, 2, 3 and 4.....		\$143,001.05
6.	Expenditures not covered by the Federal Act		
	Non matching (State).....		177.84
7.	Total of 5 and 6.....		\$143,178.89

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During the year, 472 cases were rehabilitated and placed into remunerative occupations at a total cost of \$143,178.89 or a per capita cost of \$303.31 which includes the entire expense of the Department for the year, spread over the rehabilitated cases only.

The average actual expense for each rehabilitant was \$248.83 which does not include administrative expense of the Department.

A study of the results obtained is very illuminating as well as pleasing and proves beyond any question the great economic value of the work.

The 472 cases had an average annual earning of \$1,004.76 before injury which dropped to \$310.20 after injury and at the time of survey but was increased to \$1,341.36 after rehabilitation service was rendered. These individuals have an earning capacity of \$336.60 more after receiving rehabilitation service than they had before injury and \$1,031.16 more than they had while in the handicapped condition.

Of the 472 cases, 402 had previous employment experience and the annual average earnings of these 402 cases was \$1,179.72 before injury but had been reduced to \$345.48 as the result of their handicaps, while after rehabilitation was rendered, their earnings increased to \$1,374.84 per annum.

These individuals were not only restored to their original earning status, but they now enjoy an earning capacity of \$195.12 more per annum than they had before suffering their disabilities, and \$1,029.36 more than while in the handicapped condition.

In the present year it is expected that the Division will reach the limit of its capacity with the present appropriation. It may be possible to reduce the per capita cost slightly but no very great reduction can be expected as this would lower the standard of the work materially. Any tendency to lower the Illinois standard should be strictly avoided.

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The Division has consistently maintained its policy of giving to each individual case the full benefit of the service. Always when a training program is feasible and possible, such a program is provided, as through this method the applicant is given a service of a lasting, rather than a temporary nature.

The last two years have witnessed a steadily increasing flow of applications, and now there are more applicants than can be served. It is imperative that if the State is to meet the requirements of its handicapped citizens, the appropriation must be increased.

The following is a report of the financial status as of November 6, for the year beginning July 1st, 1926:

Distributions:

Approximate amount available for year.....	\$91,000.00
Expended to date.....	48,000.00

Balance available for remainder of year....	\$43,000.00
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Contracts outstanding:

Tuition.....	\$21,235.16
Artificial appliances.....	8,550.00

\$29,785.16

Free balance for the year.....	\$13,215.00
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The financial condition as shown by the above report indicates plainly that the Division will not be able to function to its full capacity during the year.

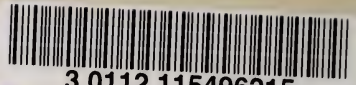
Resume of Work of Vocational Rehabilitation Since Its Inception.

Year	Funds Available	Expended	Lapsed	Rehabilitated	Per capita Cost
1922	\$108,703.27	\$ 21,679.48	\$ 35,439.03**	7	\$3,097.07
1923	175,671.98	137,756.16	37,915.82	133	1,035.76
1924	124,104.37	121,476.97	2,627.40	319	380.80
1925*	123,642.60	96,370.95	27,240.65	185	520.92
1926	144,020.37	143,178.89	845.48	472	303.31

*In 1925 Federal allotment did not become available until in December and the Division could not operate on State funds until the Federal money was received, hence about one-half of the year was unproductive.

**Federal only lapsed.

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